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Dear Mr Bonthron

Re The Malthouse, Malthouse Lane, Shorne, Gravesend, DA12 3DS
Installation of black flush windows to replace white UPVC windows.
Planning Application **GR/2024/1064**

The above application has come to the Society's notice and the Society would like to make the following representations. The Society would like to register an objection to the application.

The Malthouse (from which the road takes its name) is in the Shorne Conservation Area and whilst the building itself is not listed, it is of some character and of significance in the setting of listed buildings and other buildings in the area. It has a curved façade, featuring knapped flint; it is similar to the adjacent listed 14 century chapel of St Katherines, and the adjoining St Katherines House. The building has in the past been occupied by the priest ministering to the chapel and Pipes Place, on the east side of Forge Lane (also listed), when occupied by the religious order, the Sons of the Divine Providence.

The drawings recently added to the planning register show that the proposals go far beyond what the application suggested. The existing windows are white divided into small panes. What is proposed is to remove all the glazing bars resulting in windows different from the existing and the original windows and totally out of character with the building. The substitution of black for white would also have a significant visual impact to the detriment of the appearance of the property.

In the Society's view, ideally, if the windows are to be replaced, they should be replaced in traditional timber casement construction, with glazing bars, and be finished in white.

Yours faithfully


Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary